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H. R. 3544

To provide for transition for new Members of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 1996

Mr. FATTAH (for himself, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “New Member Transi-
5 tion Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF**
7 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

8 The first section of House Resolution 457, Ninety-
9 second Congress, agreed to May 27, 1971, as enacted into
10 permanent law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appro-

1 priations Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following new subsection:

3 “(c)(1) The allowances shall be for the 12-month pe-
4 riod beginning December 1.

5 “(2) For a person newly elected as a Member of the
6 House of Representatives for a new Congress, the allow-
7 ance for the first year of the new Congress shall be avail-
8 able for the period beginning December 1 of the year pre-
9 ceding the beginning of the new Congress, if no challenge
10 to the election of the newly elected Member has been filed
11 with the relevant State official or the Clerk of the House
12 by November 30 of the year preceding the beginning of
13 the new Congress.

14 “(3) A person newly elected as a Member of the
15 House of Representatives for a new Congress shall receive
16 on December 1 of the year preceding the beginning of the
17 new Congress an amount equal to one-twelfth of the an-
18 nual salary for a Member of the House of Representatives
19 to be used as an allowance or for moving costs. Such sum
20 shall not be considered as income for purposes of the Fed-
21 eral income tax to the extent the Member presents receipts
22 indicating that the funds have been spent on items for
23 which the allowances may be spent.

24 “(4) An incumbent member of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives who has not been reelected as a Member of

1 the House of Representatives for a new Congress shall va-
2 cate the Member's official office space not later than De-
3 cember 1 of the year preceding the beginning of that new
4 Congress.

5 “(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘Mem-
6 ber of the House of Representatives’ includes the Resident
7 Commissioner from Puerto Rico and the Delegate from
8 the District of Columbia.”.

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